

There followed a lengthy discussion about the implications of the recent VSSE report, the main thrust of which was as follows:-

- The report identified serious underfunding in almost every area of the school, and no significant impact can be made in these areas until increased funding is agreed at Committee level. This was clearly beyond the remit of the present management team.
- There appears to be agreement from the Director that additional funding is needed, his recent visit to the school having enabled him to see the present situation at first hand.
- There was some urgency about agreeing the funding in order that additional staff could be appointed for September 2001.
- Before employing more staff the school needs to establish a clearly understood role with a clear set of aims and objectives. These need to be circulated to all agencies concerned with Les Chenes in order that there can be no confusion about the place of the school within the educational/judicial/care system.
- All present agreed that any changes to the current Les Chenes need to be made with the 'long view' in mind. A quick fix is unacceptable.
- One immediate consequence of the VSSE inspection was that the workshop had been closed on Health and Safety grounds. Brian Smith had already been to the school to assess what needed to be done to make it good.

The full VSSE report would be available soon and a decision about publication to parents or the JEP would be made after it had gone to Committee.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was agreed as Thursday 22nd March.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There being no further business the meeting closed at 16.05pm.

